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Montana Medicaid Notice

Physicians, Mid-Level Practitioners, and Pharmacy Providers

Coverage of Drugs for Sexual or Erectile Dysfunction Eliminated

Effective January 1, 2006

Federal Legislation (HR 3971) was passed eliminating Medicaid coverage of drugs used for treatment of sexual or erectile dysfunction (ED). This legislation amended Section 1927(d)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r-8(d)(2)) by adding language allowing states to exclude coverage of these drugs, unless they are provided for treatment of a condition other than sexual or erectile dysfunction that is an FDA approved use of the drug. Unlike other drugs listed in section 1927(d)(2), the language also eliminates federal funding for coverage of these drugs for sexual or erectile dysfunction. Therefore, Montana Medicaid will eliminate coverage of ED drugs for these restricted uses.

Montana Medicaid will continue to cover sildenafil for pulmonary hypertension with a prior authorization.

The prescriber (physician, etc.) or pharmacy may submit requests by mail, telephone, or FAX to:

Drug Prior Authorization Unit
Mountain Pacific Quality Health Foundation
3404 Cooney Drive
Helena, MT 59602
(406) 443-6002 or (800) 395-7961 (Phone)
(406) 443-7014 or (800) 294-1350 (Fax)

To request prior authorization, providers must submit the information requested on the Request for Drug Prior Authorization Form to the Drug Prior Authorization Unit. This form can be copied from page 5.9 of the Medicaid Prescription Drug Program Manual on the web at: <http://www.dphhs.state.mt.us/hpsd/medicaid/medicaid2/pdf/pharmacy.pdf>

Any questions regarding this notice can be directed to Dan Peterson at (406) 444-2738 or the Medicaid Drug Prior Authorization Unit at (406) 443-6002.

Contact Information

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

Provider Relations toll-free in- and out-of-state: 1-800-624-3958

Helena: (406) 442-1837

Visit the Provider Information website:

<http://www.mtmedicaid.org>